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Judge Underhill in reviewing one of this Court's rulings in In Re Myrian Weil, Case No. 11-51930 held that "section 362(c)(3) merely provides for a partial termination of the automatic stay. After thirty days, the stay terminates only with respect to the debtor and the debtor's property; the stay remains operative, however, with respect to estate property even after the thirty-day period expires." Id. At Page 8. Judge Underwood adopted the majority view and stated that "the emerging majority view is that the termination of the automatic stay under section 362(c)(3) does not extend to actions against the property of the bankruptcy estate-rather, the stay remains in effect with respect to estate property, which, as a practical matter, encompasses the lion's share of assets in play." Id. at Page 6.

Similarly, Courts in the Second Circuit have also held with the majority view. The Court in In Re Darren Lamont Rice, 392 B.R. 35 (2006) stated that if Congress wanted 362 (c)(3) to effect a complete termination of the automatic stay, Congress would have used language similar to language in 11 USC Section 362 (c)(4) which states that when two or more bankruptcy cases were pending for the same debtor within the year but were dismissed, the filing of the new case will not automatically impose any stay. Instead, Congress limited the termination of the stay as to the Debtor. See also In Re McFeeley, 362 B.R. 121 (Bankr. D. Vt. 2007) where that Court reviewed the analysis used in In Re Jones, 339 B.R. 360 (Bankr. E.D.N.C. 2006) and the majority of the Courts to hold that "the stay terminates under Section 362(c)(3)(A) is the stay of actions against the debtor or property of the debtor and specifically does not limit or diminish the stay of actions against property of the estate. Id. at 125. Further, the McFeely Court was not convinced by the minority view that the statute is ambiguous and therefore need to look to legislative intent.

Recently, the Court in In Re: Earnest R. Williford, 2013 Bankr. Lexis 2871 (Bankr. N.D.Texas 2013) stated that it agreed with the minority view that the legislative history appeared that Congress wanted to deter a second filing and therefore intended to have the automatic stay terminate in its entirety but could not so rule because the relevant statutory language of Section 362(c)(3) is clear. The Court stated that Congress knew how to terminate the entire stay by enacting 11 USC Section 362(c)(4)(A)(i) and choose restrictive language with respect to 362(c) (3). As the Court in In Re Jones stated "Section 362(c)(3)(A) as a whole is not free from ambiguity, but the words, 'with respect to the

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As a result, this Court should follow the correct decision and adopt the majority view. As the *Rinard* Court reasoned "[t]here is no mention of the Estate in the text. There are no fuzzy words; there are no hanging paragraphs; there are no words requiring a 'dictionary." *Id.* The majority view protects the assests of the Estate and allows the Debtors a fresh start as Congress wanted. The property in question in this case is property of the estate and the automatic stay is still in effect as to said property.

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